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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** PUBLIC DEFENSE REFORM INTERIM COMMITTEE  
**FROM:** SETH GRIGG, POLICY ANALYST, IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
**SUBJECT:** COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENSE EXPENDITURE DATA  
**DATE:** JULY 21, 2014  
**CC:** DAN CHADWICK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES; IAC JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY STEERING COMMITTEE; COUNTY CLERKS

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At the request of Chairman Bolz, the Idaho Association of Counties conducted a survey to assess county public defense expenditures and other data points since 2012. All 44 counties responded to the survey. Survey results indicate that total public defense expenditures rose 3.36% between 2012 and 2013 and are estimated to increase 10% from 2013 to 2014. These budget increases are based on existing county public defense contracts that were established prior to reforms in 2014 as a result of House Bill 542. Twenty county public defense contracts have either expired this year or will expire by year's end. Most other county public defense contracts expire in 2015 and 2016. New county public defense contracts must comply with House Bill 542. IAC anticipates public defense expenditures for 2015 and beyond will increase significantly as a result of the new public defense standards enacted by House Bill 542. IAC will follow up with a second survey to counties in October to obtain CFY2015 public defense budget information in order to more accurately estimate the fiscal impact of House Bill 542 on trial level county public defense delivery systems.

Please find included with this memorandum four summary tables of the results of the survey conducted by IAC as well as 2013 case filing data provided by the Idaho Appellant Public Defender's Office and property tax levy data provided by the Idaho State Tax Commissioner. Table 1 provides a county-by-county summary of public defense expenses from 2012-2014. Table 2 provides summary statistics for 2013 per capita and per case filing expenses for each county. Table 3 provides information on county property tax levies that fund trial level public defense delivery systems for each county. Table 4 provides information on prior year and current trial level public defense delivery systems as well as when current public defender contracts expire.